is an ongoing process, dictated primarily by the threat perceptions and prevailing external strategic/security environment as also emerging technologies.

Private sector participation to make Arms

1875. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow private sector to make arms for defence;

(b) if so, the policy in this regard; and

(c) if not, whether the ordnance factories are in a position to supply Advanced Surveillance System Weapon locating radars etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Role of private sector is confined to procurement of non-lethal stores required by the Armed Forces and raw materials, semi-finished products, components and sub systems required by Ordnance factories and Defence Public Sector Undertaking both for products based on transfer of technology as well as those developed through indigenous research. It will continue to be associated for such purposes in the quest for self-reliance.

(c) Surveillance Systems and radars are in the manufacturing range of Defence Public Sector Undertaking. Advanced Surveillance Systems and Weapon Locating Radars are not manufactured by ordnance factories.

Fencing around Cantonments in Kashmir

1876. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked an Israeli company for erecting hi-tech protective fencing around cantonments in Kashmir;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the estimated expenditure involved in the project;

(d) whether the question of erecting the hi-tech fencing indigenously was examined by Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Illegal occupation of Defence Land

1877. SHRI ABANI ROY Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that defence land in thousands of acres are under illegal occupation by land mafias in connivance with Directorate General of Defence Estates (DGDE) officials across the country;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any time bound plan to get the encroached land vacated from mafias; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) All Defence land is placed under the management and custodial responsibility and protection of specific authorities including Director General Defence Estates (DGDE). An